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REMARKS

As stated above, all reference to specific nucleotide or amino acid sequences has been deleted. These sequences are irrelevant to the claimed invention and thus their deletion does not constitute new matter. As there are no specific amino acid sequences or nucleotide sequences disclosed, no submission in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821, *et seq.*, is required.

This submission is in accordance with a telephone message exchange with Examiner Clow on 18 February 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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